

MINUTES: State Collaborative for System of Care
CHAIRPERSONS: Joel Rosch and Pat Solomon
LOCATION: Governor's Crime Commission

DATE: 7/25/03
START TIME: 9:00 a.m.
END TIME: 11:00 a.m.

NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT	NAME	PRESENT
Al Deitch, DOA-YA&I		Jan Hood, AOC	X	Stephanie Alexander, MHDDSA	X
Austin Connors, ARCCFS	X	Jane Volland, GAL		Steve Shore, NCPS	
Beth Melcher, NCAMI		Jennifer Mahan, MHANC		Susan Coleman, WCH	
Beverly Hester, WCH	X	Joann Haggerty, CAI		Susan Eller, NC School Psychology Assoc.	X
Brad Trotter, DHOH-DMH		JoAnn Lamm, DSS		Susan Robinson, DMH	
Carol Duncan-Clayton, NCCCP		Joel Rosch , CCFP	X	Susan Whitten, DJJDP	X
Carol Robertson, DMA		John R. Hayes, Families United		Tara Larson, DMH/DD/SA	
Carol Tant, WCHS		John Tote, MHA		Tina Howard GCC	
Cathy Kluttz, WCHS		Kirstin Frescoln, AOC		William Hussey, MHPC	
Charlotte Craver, Value Options	X	Lana Dial, AOC		Linda Swann, NAMINC	
Cheryl Waller, CSHS		Linda Swann, NAMINC		OTHERS:	
Connie Hawkins, ECAC		Maria Fernandez, DMH	X	Katherine Ross, Council for Children	
Cyndie Bennett, Office of Education Services	X	Marie Britt, DMA		Fred Waddle, NC Community Support Providers Council	
David Horowitz, TPC		Martha Lowrance, YA &I		Dan Garson-Angert, WCH	
Deborah Carroll, DPH		Martin Pharr, DJJDP	X	Adele Spitz-Roth, CCFP	
Debra McHenry, DPI	X	Mike Lancaster, Value Options		Amy Smiley, MHDDSA	
Diann Irwin, DPI		Michael Owen, NCCCP	X	Michael Byrne, MHDDSA	X
Don Willis, MHDDSA		Michael Schweitzer, DJJDP			
Donn Hargrove, DJJDP	X	Pat Solomon , Families United	X		
Earl Maret, DSS		Peggy Balak MHDDSA	X		
Flo Stein, MHDDSA		Rich Visingardi, MHDDSA			
		Sandra Sink, DSS	X		

Topic	Discussion/Findings	Action by whom and when
Welcome & Introductions	Everyone was introduced and welcomed.	
Approve Minutes from 7/11/03 Pat Solomon Joel Rosch	Minutes of 7-11-03 were reviewed and approved.	

<p>DJJDP Audit Report and Training School Plan</p> <p>Donn Hargrove Martin Pharr</p>	<p>Donn Hargrove provided copies of the Executive Summary of the Performance Audit of the Youth Development Centers and Juvenile Detention Centers (May 2003). The audit was precipitated by allegations of abuse of children at the facility in Swannanoa. The report includes recommendations for policy changes and also for replacing outdated facilities. The Governor's Office is supportive of building new facilities. Donn Hargrove emphasized that the proposal is to <u>replace</u> 500 existing beds with new construction, which may result in actual net loss of space. Various alternatives will be considered, e.g. 15 small facilities as opposed to 3 larger ones. Issues include design, program, quality of programming and staff. Officials from Missouri will visit next week to discuss their model with officials here. Martin Pharr explained that programming in NC's YDCs is evolving from competency-based levels based on offense to needs-based. The new model is connected with the Assessment/Treatment Planning Centers. Currently, both models are operating, which creates some dissatisfaction and confusion. The population includes youth ages 10-21 with a broad range of educational needs as well as other specialized needs (mental health, case management, etc.). While small facilities can maintain more connection with communities, larger facilities can provide more specialized services. The bottom line is "how well are kids being rehabilitated?" What about placing similar youth together? Placement will depend on needs. Specialized units are being developed, e.g. 15 bed intensive management unit at Richmond Detention Center. Attention is also being given to alternatives to placement for committed youth, such as wrap-around, wilderness programs. The full audit report is on the DJJDP and State Auditor's web site (www.juvjus.state.nc.us or www.ncauditor.net). DJJDP is required to report back to the General Assembly on how they are responding to the audit.</p>	
<p>Child Mental Health Plan</p> <p>Stephanie Alexander</p>	<p>The draft Child Mental Health Plan is on the MH/DD/SAS web site. Responses are due by August 15. For the most part, the plan reflects the input of the State Collaborative group that was involved in its development. Fred Waddle expressed concern that residential care is not addressed in the plan. Others have expressed concern that the plan lacks a focus on transition from residential to community based services so that kids don't "fall through the cracks". Concern was also expressed about closing Wright and Whitaker Schools, which have effective models of treatment. Joel Rosch pointed out that less than half the youth in Whitaker last year were able to utilize the re-ed model and that the intent is to take these models into communities. The plan also lacks a focus on early intervention.</p>	<p>Everyone is encouraged to submit responses to the plan to MH/DD/SAS by August 15.</p>
<p>Implementation Plans for SB 163</p>	<p>A mailing is being sent by MH/DD/SAS to both licensed and unlicensed providers, including temporary rules and critical incident forms and instructions. The cover</p>	<p>Stephanie Alexander will convene a small group to consider changes</p>

Peggy Balak	memo will be online by 7-28. The rules, with guidance, will also be placed on the web. Whether or not training is offered will depend on questions from providers. Joel Rosch expressed concern that too many divisions are acting autonomously and that the Department of Health and Human Services needs to assure that the responses of its divisions are congruent.	that need to be made in the Communication Protocol. She will email possible meeting dates to the State Collaborative membership.
Elimination of Barriers Initiative Michael Byrne	The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services has launched the Elimination of Barriers Initiative to identify effective approaches in addressing the stigma and discrimination associated with mental illness. North Carolina is one of 8 pilot states for this 3 year project. The project is designed to partner with community and consumer groups. The NC project will focus on partnering with high school principals, guidance counselors, social workers and administrators. A kick-off State Partnership meeting to be held on August 27 in Research Triangle Park will include a broad array of stakeholders. The project will provide a "toolbox" for principals and teachers and will assist communities in developing communication capacity. A summary of EBI and a fact sheet about August 27 meeting are attached. Debra McHenry emphasized the critical role of school assistance teams and encouraged connection of the project with instructional support persons in schools.	The following contacts were recommended by Collaborative members: Holly Riddle, Developmental Disabilities Council School Assistance Teams/Instructional support persons in schools
Update on Study Bill (HB 169/SB 262) Jennifer Mahan	No update at this time. The Legislative Oversight Committee will meet between sessions, so further information about the bill may be available soon.	.
Standing Committee Reports: Assessment Joel Rosch Training Michael Owen Evaluation Susan Whitten Brochure Kirstin Frescoln	<p>The Assessment Committee requests feedback on two draft documents, "Principles and Purposes of Assessment" and "Inventory of Screening and Assessment Instruments", by August 15. The purpose of the Inventory is to provide a central summary of information for agencies and families about possible sources of screening and assessment. This can assist judges (and others) in determining what information to request and from whom.</p> <p>The Training Committee has received the report from the May 8 System of Care Leadership Forum. This document will be sent to Collaborative members along with these minutes. The Committee will draft a letter to send to agencies to reinforce their inclusion of System of Care principles in their training.</p> <p>No report at this time.</p> <p>A draft copy of the brochure was distributed. Jan Hood or Kirstin Frescoln will contact Committee members regarding next meeting date.</p>	<p>Email feedback on the "Principles and Purposes" document to Beverly Hester (beverly.hester@ncmail.net)</p> <p>Email feedback on the "Inventory" to Jan Hood (jan.c.hood@nccourts.org)</p>

Updates	<p>Sandra Sink reported that the System of Care in Child Welfare grant proposal has been mailed and thanked readers and those who provided letters of support. The State Collaborative is included in many of the proposed grant activities. Joel Rosch suggested that there is strength in agencies writing collaborative letters of support and asked that this be considered for future proposals.</p> <p>The Division of Public Health has received funding for the Early Childhood Comprehensive System proposal, a multi-agency effort. This is a two-year planning grant with a focus on assuring school readiness for all children entering elementary school in NC. The planning process will involve multiple agencies and organizations, as well as family representatives.</p> <p>The Division of MH/DD/SAS has submitted three grants: Community Based Alternatives for Children Quality Management System Respite for Adults</p>	
Plans for Next State Collaborative Meeting	<p>State Collaborative Work Group meeting will be on August 8 from 8:30 – 10:30 at the Child Advocacy Institute</p> <p>The following persons have volunteered to take meeting minutes: August 8 Jennifer Mahan August 22 Sandra Sink September Marie Britt</p>	